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PREVIOUSLY IN *THE SCORCHED*

Jessica and Haunt's brother, Kurt have infiltrated a base operated by the mysterious "K". While inside, Jessica discovers info that puts the whole team in jeopardy.



SOUL CRUSHER.

WHILE SHE-SPAWN AND HER GROUP
PIECE TOGETHER THE ACTIONS OF THE
UNPREDICTABLE SYMBIOTE CALLED
'PLAGUE', A YOUNG UKRAINIAN SOLDIER
HAS BEEN ABANDONED, BY SPAWN,
INTO THE DARK RECESSES OF *LIMBO*.

BUT FOR WHAT
PURPOSE?

YOU CAN
CLEARLY CONNECT
TO OTHER WORLDS
SIMMONS, SO WHY
WON'T YOU OPEN THE
'*DEAD ZONES*'? YOUR
KIND WILL SURVIVE --
NO MATTER WHAT! SO,
WHY'RE YOU TREATING
ME LIKE THIS?! I
TOLD YOU I'D
HELP!



AND NATASHA
FIGHTS FOR
HER LIFE! *WHY?!--*
BECAUSE SHE ALSO
WANTED TO
HELP, TOO!

SOMETHING, THEN,
CATCHES SOUL
CRUSHER'S ATTENTION.
A SMALL LIGHT.



FOLLOWED BY
THE SOUND OF
VOICES...



GROWING
LOUDER.



THEY COME
FROM
GHOSTS?!

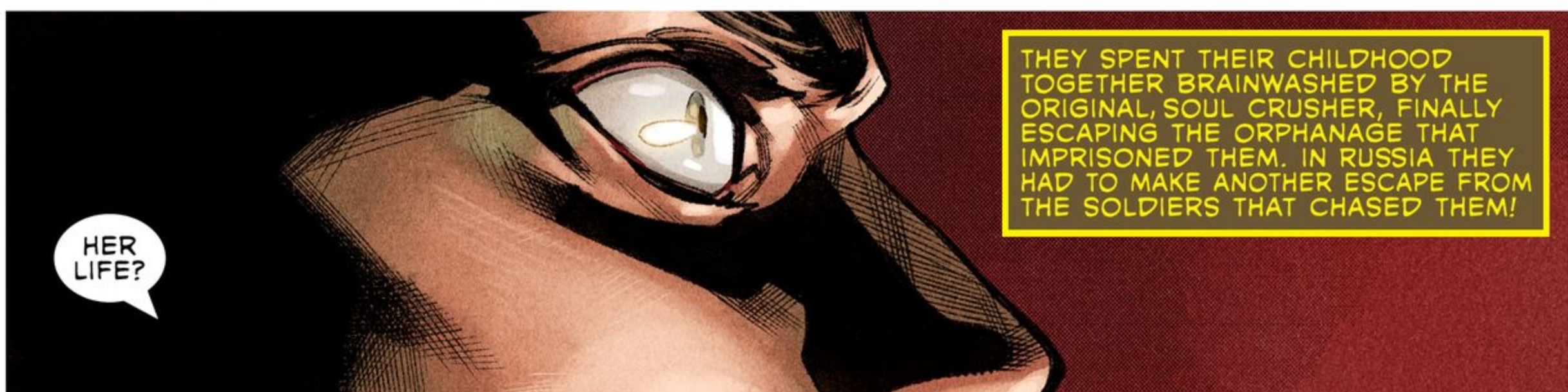
NATASHA,
SHE --

PLAGUE
TOOK HER.

BECAUSE
SOUL CRUSHER WAS
HUNTING IT.



I'M BETTIN'
THAT GIRL WAS
JUST BAIT. THAT'S ALL
SHE WAS. NOW IT'S
GOING TO COST
HER HER LIFE.



HER
LIFE?

THEY SPENT THEIR CHILDHOOD
TOGETHER BRAINWASHED BY THE
ORIGINAL, SOUL CRUSHER, FINALLY
ESCAPING THE ORPHANAGE THAT
IMPRISONED THEM. IN RUSSIA THEY
HAD TO MAKE ANOTHER ESCAPE FROM
THE SOLDIERS THAT CHASED THEM!



HE PROMISED HER,
PROMISED TO FREE
HER FROM ALL
THEIR SUFFERING.



YOU
THOUGHT
THIS **WOULD**
BE EASY,
SERGEI?

NO! BUT I
THOUGHT...



YOU BURNT
YOUR FATHER
ALIVE! WHAT'D
YOU THINK
WOULD
HAPPEN?!

HE
WASN'T MY
FATHER!

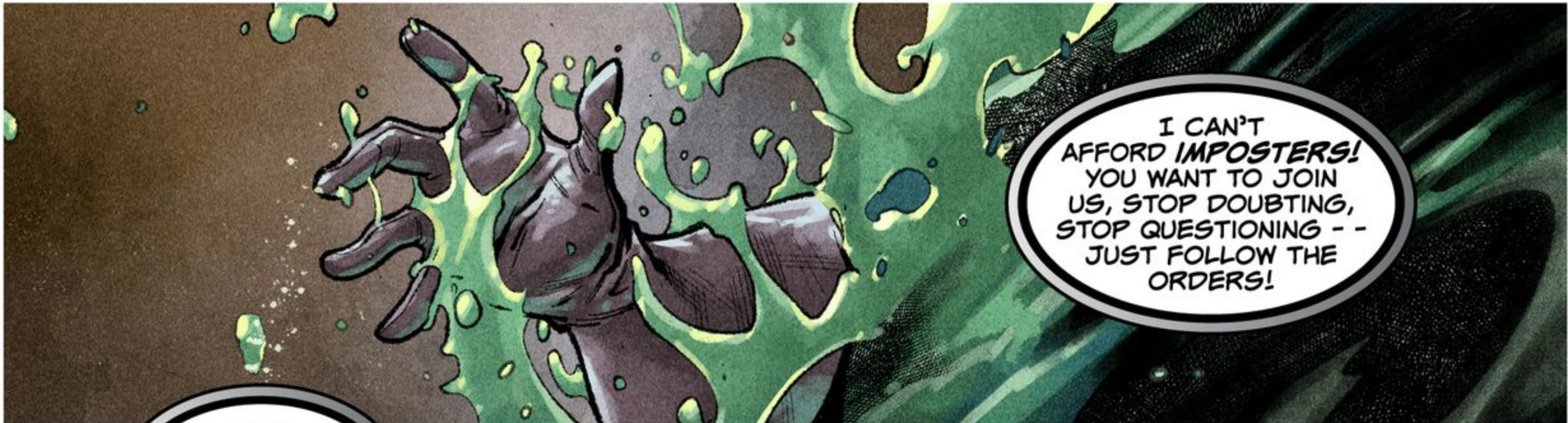
HIS
MONEY! HIS
POWER! PEOPLE
LIKE HIM **ALWAYS**
HAVE OTHERS
THAT'LL PICK UP
AFTER HIM!



SPAWN SHOVES
SERGEI UNDER THE
BLACK WATERS OF
LIMBO'S ABYSS.



YOU
WANTED TO
BREATHE THE AIR
OF REAL SOLDIERS.
ACT LIKE ONE!



I CAN'T
AFFORD **IMPOSTERS!**
YOU WANT TO JOIN
US, STOP DOUBTING,
STOP QUESTIONING - -
JUST FOLLOW THE
ORDERS!



AND
DON'T GET
PERSONAL WITH
ANY OF THE
TYRANTS!

TYRANTS?!
THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE
BECOME!



IT'S TIME.

TIME TO LEARN IF YOU'LL **EVER** BE A REAL SOLDIER.

WHAT IS THIS!



IT'S A TEST.



THE HELLSPAWN HAS LEFT.

HE'S OURS NOW.



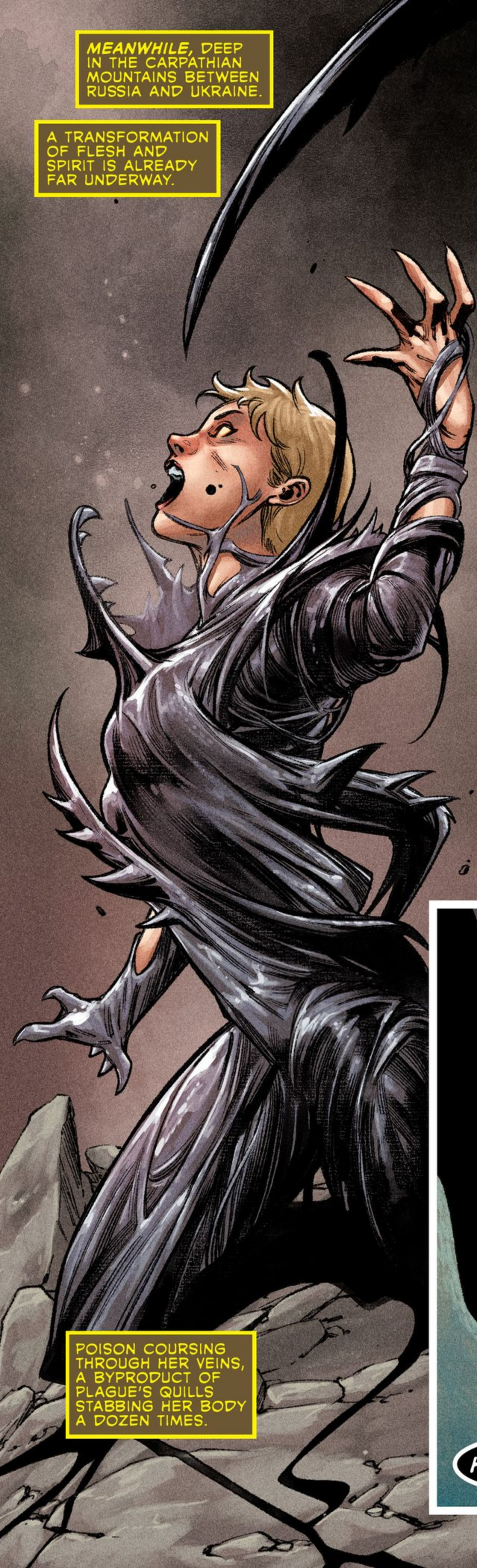
WHO'S THERE?

THE BOY IS LOST.

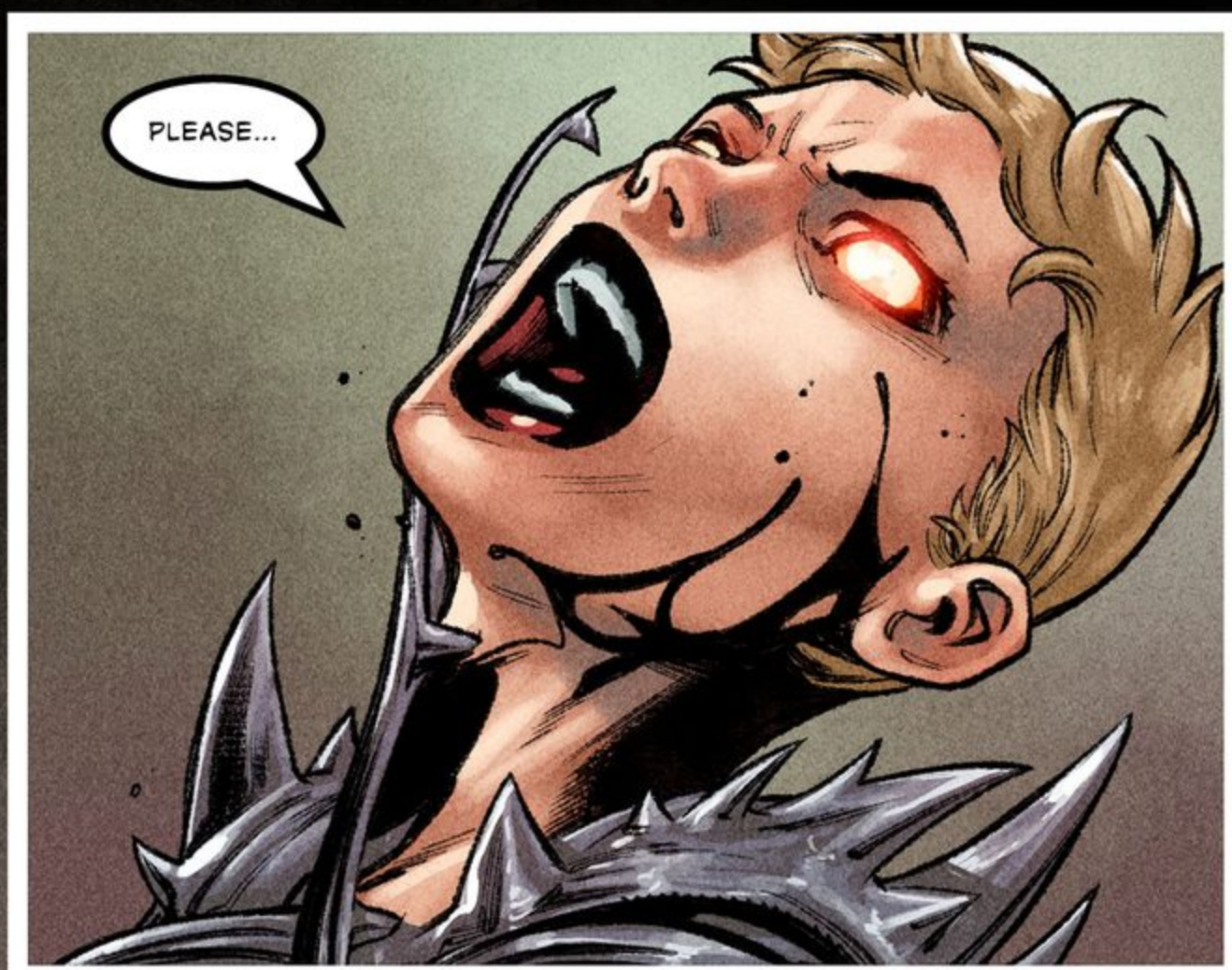


MEANWHILE, DEEP
IN THE CARPATHIAN
MOUNTAINS BETWEEN
RUSSIA AND UKRAINE.

A TRANSFORMATION
OF FLESH AND
SPIRIT IS ALREADY
FAR UNDERWAY.



POISON COURSE
THROUGH HER VEINS,
A BYPRODUCT OF
PLAGUE'S QUILLS
STABBING HER BODY
A DOZEN TIMES.

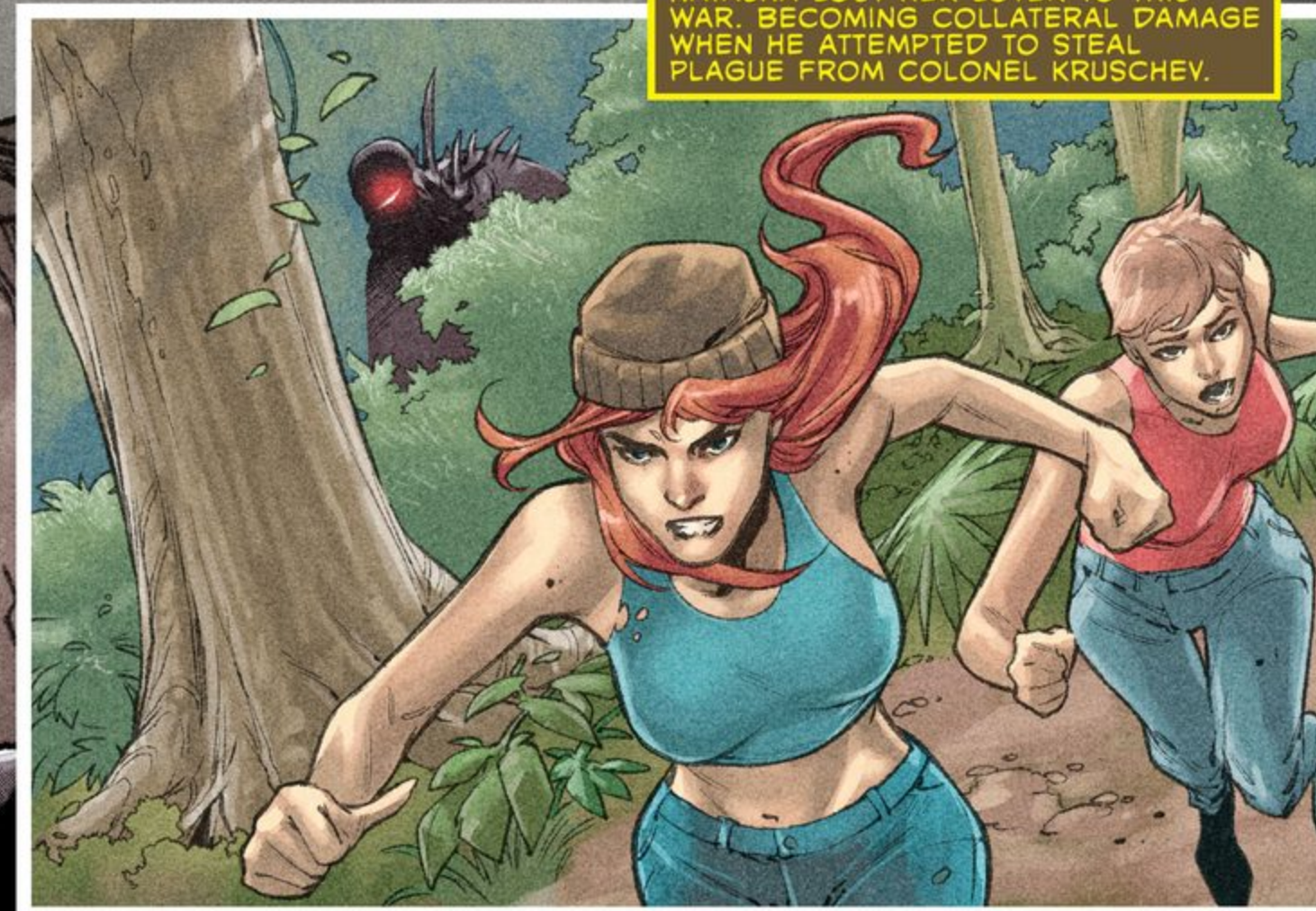


PLAGUE NEEDED A HOST, SOMEONE TO MELD WITH, AN ENERGY TO FEED OFF OF. WHEN IT COMPLETES ITS TRANSFORMATION, PLAGUE HAS A BEING THAT IT CAN FINALLY COMMUNICATE WITH.

I CAN TAKE YOUR SICKNESS.

I CAN MAKE YOU WHOLE, AGAIN.

NATASHA LOST HER LOVER TO THIS WAR, BECOMING COLLATERAL DAMAGE WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO STEAL PLAGUE FROM COLONEL KRUSCHEV.



HER FRIEND, ODESSA DIED TOO. PLAGUE WANTS TO 'EVOLVE' NATASHA.



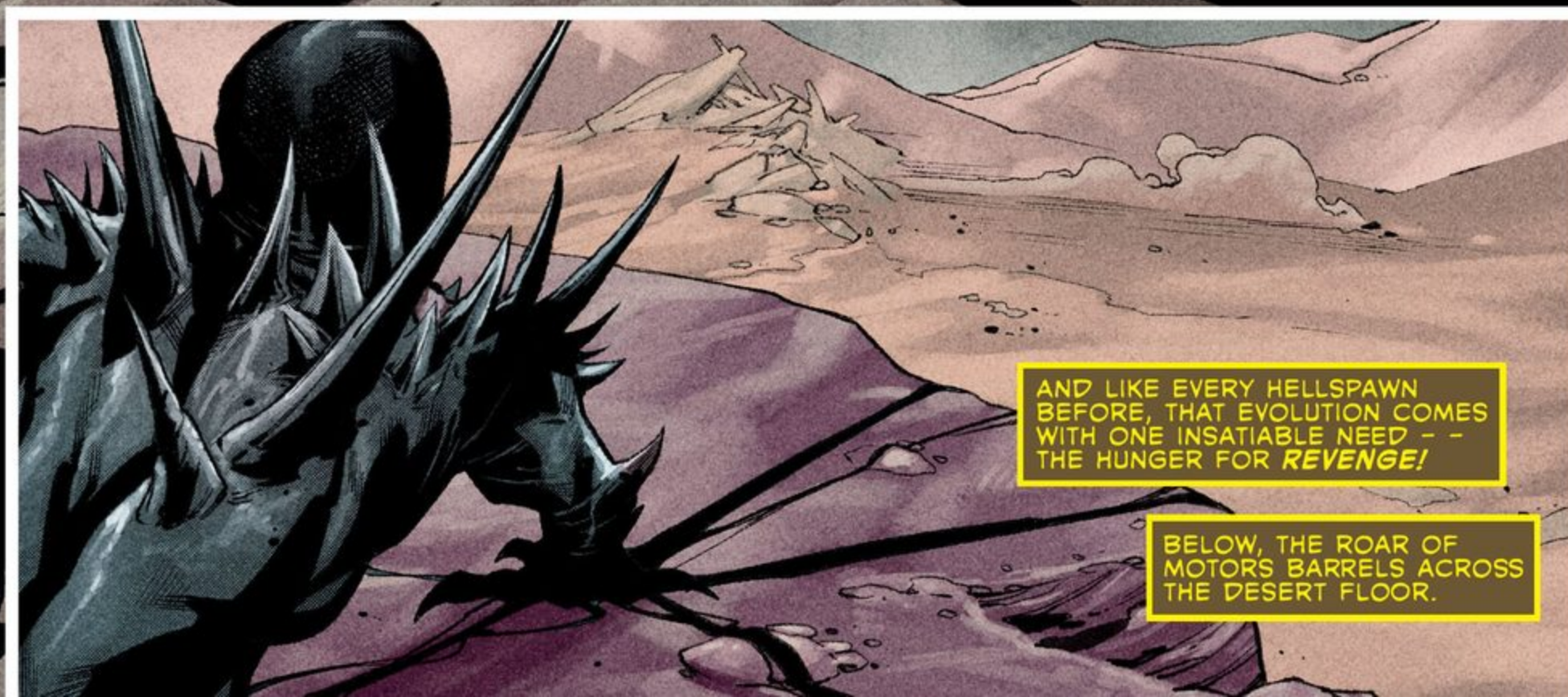
WANTS TO IMPROVE HER.

THAT PHRASE: "WHOLE AGAIN"... IT'S THE SECRET TO EVERY HELLSPAWN. AS ALL OF THEM ARE MISSING A PIECE, A FRAGMENT OF THEIR SOUL, LOST DURING THEIR JOURNEY INTO HELL.

PLAGUE INTENDS TO FILL THAT HOLE WITH RAGE.

AND LIKE EVERY HELLSPAWN BEFORE, THAT EVOLUTION COMES WITH ONE INSATIABLE NEED -- THE HUNGER FOR REVENGE!

BELOW, THE ROAR OF MOTORS BARRELS ACROSS THE DESERT FLOOR.





WHO TAKES
POINT WHEN WE
GET THERE?

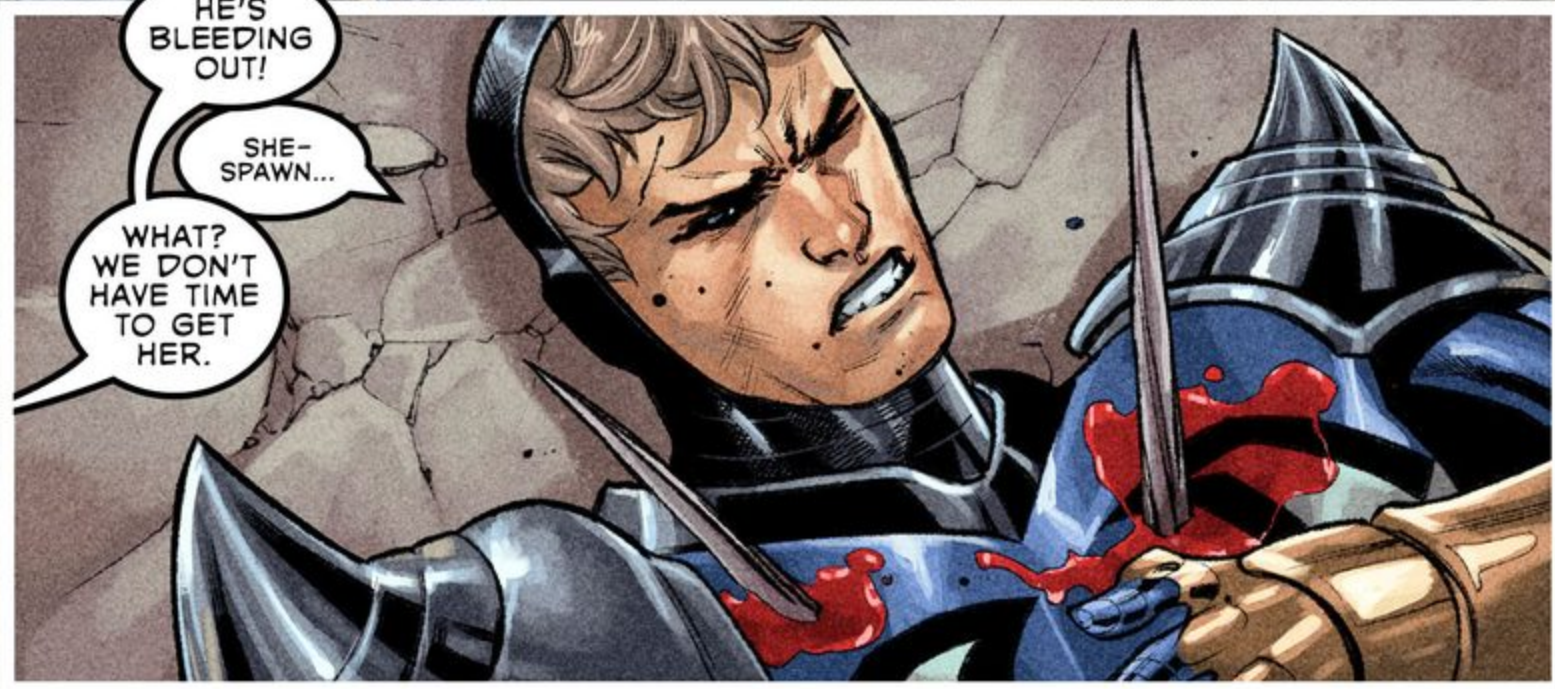
YOU. IT'S
A SEARCH AND
RESCUE MISSION.
ONCE WE HAVE THE
GIRL, CLEAR
OUT!

REDEEMER
AND REAPER
WERE HIT HARD, I
DON'T WANT A
REPEAT OF
THAT!



THOSE TEAMMATES
TOOK SEVERE
DAMAGE WHEN THEY
WERE ATTACKED.

THE BRUNT
TAKEN BY
REAPER.



HE'S
BLEEDING
OUT!

SHE-
SPAWN...

WHAT?
WE DON'T
HAVE TIME
TO GET
HER.

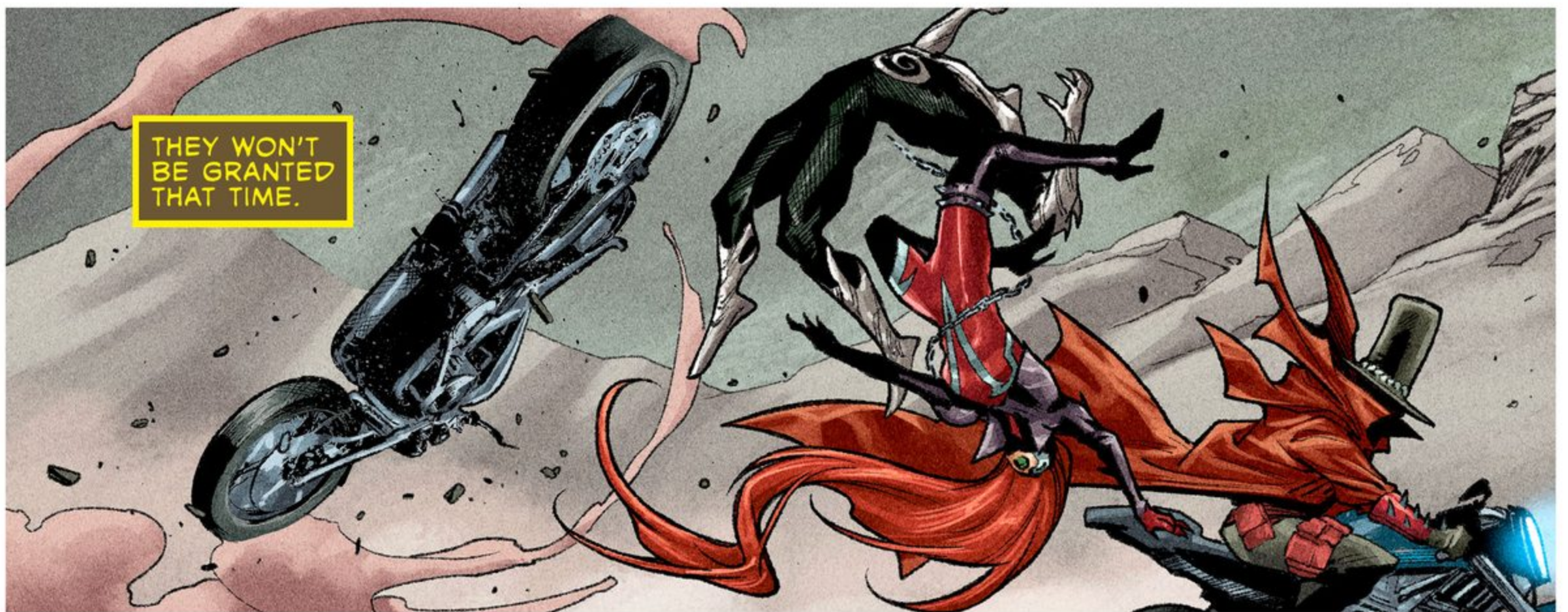
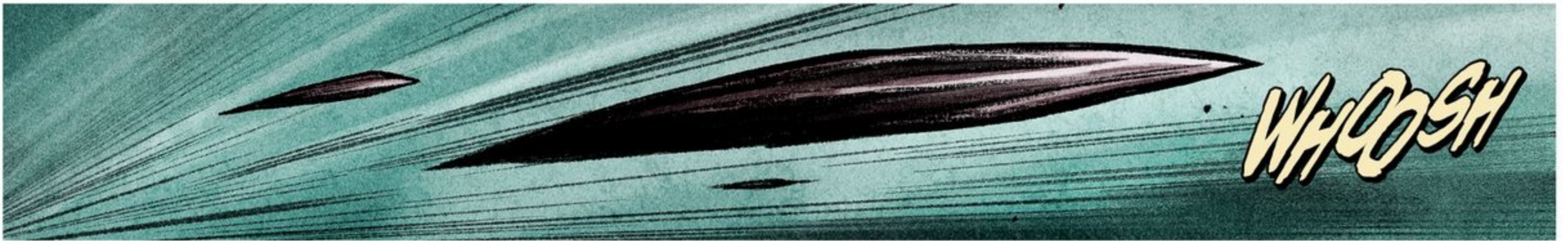


THAT'S
NOT WHAT
HE WANTS, HE'S
SAYING WE
CAN'T TRUST
HER.



WHETHER THAT'S TRUE, TIME WILL TELL, FOR NOW HAUNT, FIGHTING A POISONING HIMSELF, **SUMMONS** HIS BROTHER, KURT.

WE HAVE TO FIND SOUL CRUSHER TO SAVE OURSELVES. THATS WHAT SIN DEVOURER SAID.



THEY WON'T BE GRANTED THAT TIME.



KURT WAS RIGHT, NATASHA IS CRUCIAL TO THEIR SURVIVAL, UNFORTUNATELY...



...THERE IS NO
NATASHA, ONLY
PLAGUE!



NATASHA?

A CUNNING,
CRUEL ANIMAL
WHO LAID IN
WAIT KNOWING
THE SCORCHED
WOULD MOVE
IN PACKS.



LEAVE
HER ALONE,
OR I SWEAR
I'LL WIPE
YOU OUT!



A SOUND, LIKE A
NAIL, DRAGGING
ACROSS A
CHALKBOARD,
BUILDS IN
INTENSITY
BECOMING WHAT
CAN ONLY BE
IDENTIFIED AS--
LAUGHTER!

TEAM!

IT HASN'T
BONDED YET!



SHE-SPAWN KNOWS IF
PLAGUE DOES BOND,
THEY'LL LOSE NATASHA.

HOW DO
WE KILL THE
CREATURE
BUT NOT THE
GIRL?



THEIR ONLY HOPE;
STRIP OFF THE
SYMBIOTE.



BEFORE IT
RENDS THEM
ALL APART!

AND EACH SECOND ITS
TENDRILS TOUCH THEM,
PLAGUE'S HATRED SPILLS
INTO THEM.



KEEP IT
OCCUPIED--
I'VE AN
IDEA!



HAUNT'S ENDGAME IS SIMPLE. GET NEAR THE SYMBIOTE, THEN START ACTING *EXACTLY* LIKE A PLAGUE HIMSELF!

HE GROWS CLAWS AND SPIKES, WANTING TO SHRED THE MONSTER TO ITS CORE.

AFTER THAT HE INTENDS TO GRAB NATASHA AND FIND WHERE THEY'VE HIDDEN SOUL CRUSHER.



YOU COCKY, BITCH.

HOPING THE KID MIGHT KNOW A CURE FOR WHAT'S KILLING HAUNT WITH EACH PASSING HEARTBEAT.



THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN BEING COCKY AND BEING CONFIDENT.

RIGHT NOW, PLAGUE IS DISPLAYING *BOTH*!

HAUNT PASSES THROUGH
HELL'S **REJECTED**
SYMBIOTE LIKE THE
BEAST'S SKIN IS
TRANSLUCENT WATER.

IF MALEBOLGIA HAD KNOWN
WHAT THIS MONSTER WOULD BE
CAPABLE OF, HELL'S LORD WOULD
NEVER HAVE DISCARDED IT INTO
THE FLAMES OF HADES LIKE A
PIECE OF DISPOSABLE TRASH.

THOUGH, PERHAPS, IT WAS
BEST HE DID. BECAUSE THIS
HELLSPAWN SYMBIOTE WOULD
HAVE KILLED ITS LORD BEFORE
AL SIMMONS EVER DID.





AS TEMPORARY AS
THAT EFFECT MAY BE.

SKREEEE

BECAUSE WHATEVER THE SCIENCE OF IT
MAY BE, ALL GUNSLINGER KNOWS IS WHEN
HIS **NECRO-BULLETS** COME INTO CONTACT
WITH THIS BLACK NECRO-BEING -- THAT
COMBO APPEARS TO BE QUITE **PAINFUL!**

PAINFUL ENOUGH TO
MOMENTARILY BRING
IT TO ITS KNEES.



IT'S NOT DEAD. IT'S JUST GETTING A SECOND WIND.

BUT IT'S STILL **FEEDING** ON THE GIRL, SO I'VE GOTTA GET THAT SKIN OFF HER, NOW!

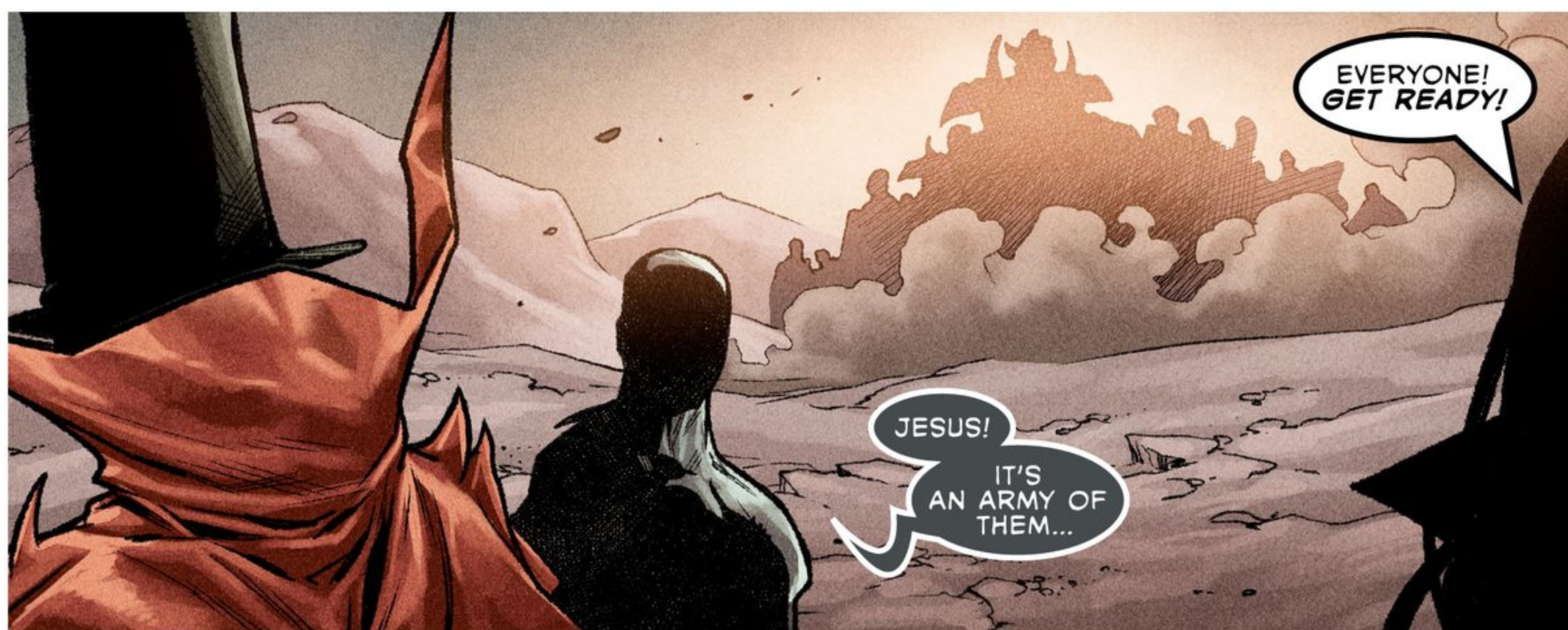


BY FLAYING THIS SON OF A BITCH.

ARE YOU CRAZY?! YOU CUT THAT SKIN OFF YOU'LL KILL THE GIRL! SHE WON'T...



SUDDENLY, BEHIND THEM -- A LOUD CRASH **DEAFENS** EVERYTHING!



EVERYONE! GET READY!

JESUS!

IT'S AN ARMY OF THEM...



"A GODDAMN
DOOMSDAY SQUAD!"

THE SIN
DEVOURERS...

RECENTLY AWOKEN
BY SHE-SPAWN, WHO
NOW ALL KNOW SHE
IS JESSICA PRIEST.

SO, UNLESS THE **SCORCHED** FIND A WAY
TO SOMEHOW DESTROY EVERY **LAST ONE**
OF THESE METALLIC GIANTS, EVEN A
SINGLE ONE OF THEM WILL CONTINUE
BRINGING JESSICA'S PAST TO LIGHT.

MAKING SURE SHE'LL
NEVER HAVE ANOTHER
PEACEFUL SLEEP FOR
THE REST OF HER LIFE!



SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

MAILBAG



Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at:
spawningground@mcfarlane.com

Very short and sweet. GIVE SHE-SPAWN HER OWN TITLE!

Thanks, Ron.

Ron, you are not the first to ask about this and I can guarantee you are not going to be the last. Looks like we may just have to do something about it soon.

-THOMAS

Hello, Spawning Grounds!

Just got done reading the scorched issue #5 and holy \$?@&!! Todd assembled a team of evil geniuses to produce some of the best comics out right now! Totally love what the illustrators and writers are doing with all the new series coming out! If I would have to pick my favorite spawn I would have to say .. ALL OF THEM!! Keep up the great work! Can't wait to get the latest issues!

Alec from Minneapolis

Thanks, Alec. We are really glad that you are digging the books. Sean Lewis and Stephen Segovia are really bringing the thunder to Scorched for sure! Now that the basic premise is up and running I hope you are ready for some really cool stuff coming down the pipe as well as some surprise appearances from some classic characters!

-THOMAS

Hello from Germany,

The Cancellation of Haunt was a big letdown for me, although I didn't really like the changes with Issue 19. I'm very happy he is back in full form and not just a side character.

Will we ever know what happened between the end of Haunt and his first appearance in Spawn? What happened to the Agency? Will we see the Characters again?

**Greets
Patrick**

Patrick, you have some great taste in comic characters for sure! Haunt was always a fan favorite, so when Todd and I discussed expanding the Spawn Universe he was one of the first people we talked about bringing back. Working him into the Scorched seemed like a no-brainer. As far as what he has been up to and what the status of "The Agency" is, you will just have to wait and see.

-THOMAS



Huge fan just a little something to show some love

Jorge chico

NEED MORE SPAWN'S ? UNIVERSE

DON'T MISS THESE TITLES:

SPAWN



**KING
SPAWN**



SCORCHED



GUNSLINGER
S P A W N

ONGOING NOW!

VELVET DEADLY CLASS *ROYAL CITY*
LAZARUS **EAST OF WEST** I KILL GIANTS
THE WALKING DEAD I HATE FAIRYLAND
KING CITY *SEX CRIMINALS*
KILL OR BE KILLED **CURSE WORDS** *RATQUEENS*

SOUTHERN BASTARDS **SPAWN** THE WICKED + THE DIVINE **BLUE MONDAY**

MONSTRESS **CHEW** *KINGSMAN*
NOWHERE MEN

HOWTOONS THEY'RE NOT LIKE US **SUNSTONE** SEVEN TO ETERNITY

DESCENDER *PAPER GIRLS*

OCTOPUS PIE WYTCHEs *SHUTTER*

TOKYO GHOST THE BLACK MONDAY MURDERS **BITCH PLANET**

SAGA *MOTOR CRUSH* **WAYWARD** *TREES*
THE AUTUMNLANDS

PLUTONA *LOW*

REVIVAL **NAILBITER**

CAMP MIDNIGHT

SNOTGIRL **ODDLY NORMAL**

MAGE *HINGES*

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